National technological mission

2128 PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether in an attempt to avoid criticism for deteriorating education standards, his Ministry have proposed a national technological mission for ushering in technology driven education in institutions of the country;

(b) if so, whether his Ministry have submitted the scheme to the Planning Commission for its approval; and

(c) if so, the details of the proposal and by what time,his Ministry are likely to implement the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (c) In order to enhance learning effectiveness in the field of technical education by using technology, this Ministry had initiated a Project — National Programme for Technology Enhanced Learning (NPTEL) during the Tenth Plan period, to enhance quality engineering education in the country by developing curriculum based video courses and web based e.courses. Seven Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) and the Indian Institute of Science (IISc.), Bangalore have developed web and video based material for basic undergraduate science and engineering courses in order to enhance the reach and quality of technical education in the country.

Computer education in Kendriya Vidyalayas and Navyug Schools

2129. DR. M.A.M.RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to impart computer education from fifth standard onward in all Kendriya Vidyalayas, Navodaya Vidyalayas and Navyug Schools;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (c) Computer